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**YUBA CITY MAN INDICTED BY FEDERAL GRAND
JURY FOR DRUG AND GUN OFFENSES**

SACRAMENTO—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced today that a federal grand jury returned a 4-count indictment charging ROBERT STEPHEN PINNEY, 43, of Yuba City with possession with intent to distribute methamphetamine, possession with intent to distribute marijuana, and possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon. PINNEY is out on a \$200,000 money bond. His next court appearance is June 28 at 2:00 p.m.

This case is the product of an investigation by the Yuba-Sutter Narcotic Enforcement Team (NET-5), assisted by the California Department of Corrections, and the Yuba City Police Department SWAT Team.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Anne Pings, who is prosecuting the case, the indictment alleges that PINNEY possessed both methamphetamine and marijuana with the intent to sell them, and possessed two firearms and ammunition even though his status as a previously convicted felon makes it illegal for him to possess any firearm or ammunition.

Court documents filed in this case show that the charges arise from evidence seized during execution of a search warrant at the PINNEY'S house after PINNEY was recorded arranging a drug deal over the phone with an inmate at Deuel Vocational Institution in Tracy, California.

If convicted, the maximum penalty for the methamphetamine offense is life imprisonment. The maximum penalty for the marijuana offense is 10 years imprisonment. The maximum penalty for the firearms offense is 20 years imprisonment.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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